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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 1637

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, TD

SUBJECT: WILLIAMS STARTS TO REASSERT HIMSELF

REF: POS 1551

1. ALMOST TWO WEEKS AFTER AGREEING TO STAY ON AS PRIME MINISTER, DR. WILLIAMS HAS SO FAR IMPOSED NO DIRECT RETRIBUTION ON THOSE ELEMENTS OF THE PNM WHO DID NOT SUPPORT HIM AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO MINISTERIAL SHIFTS. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT HE IS MOVING INDIRECTLY AGAINST THE UNFATHFUL. KARL HUDSON-PHILLIPS, WHO REMAINS OUTSPOKENLY BITTER AT WILLIAMS, YESTERDAY ABRUPTLY ANNOUNCED CANCELLATION OF HIS PROJECTED PUBLIC MEETING (A-118) AND HIS EARLY DEPARTURE ON A VACATION/BUSINESS TRIP ABROAD. WE FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT HIS DECISION REFLECTS PRESSURE TO THE POINT OF THREATS. (IN APPLYING FOR VISA TODAY, HE STATED HE WOULD INER ALIA SPEND TWO WEEKS IN NEW YORK.) MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE AND DEPUTY PNM POLITICAL LEADER MAHABIR HAS TOLD ME IN CONFIDENCE THAT WILLIAMS HAS NO INTENTION OF BEING AN INTERIM FIGURE AND WILL CONTEST THE NEXT ELECTION.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WILLIAMS SEEMS TO BE SUCCESSFULLY REASSERTING HIS DOMINANCE IN THE BATTERED PNM, HE FACES A
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SUDDENLY HEAVILY POLITICIZED AND DISGRUNTLED WITH THE WAY
THINGS ARE GOING.
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